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Via Electronic Filing

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Establishment of a Solar Choice Metering Tariff Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20 (See Docket No. 2019-182-E); Solar Energy Industries Association and North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association Letter Requesting Additional Guidance on the April 28, 2021 Directive Adopting Solar Choice Metering Tariffs.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Solar Energy Industries Association ("SEIA") and the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association ("NCSEA") applaud the Commission's decision to retain the basic structure of net metering and to transition to time-variant rates for Dominion's successor Solar Choice Metering Tariff. As alluded to in the Directive Order, moving to time-of-use rates will support the evolution of distributed energy resources and the more effective use of technologies like battery storage paired with solar photovoltaics to achieve greater system efficiencies. The Commission's order has the potential to encourage the growth of solar PV + storage in Dominion's territory in the near term and to multiply the benefits that customer-generators provide the grid.

Per statute, we expect Dominion Energy South Carolina ("DESC") to file a compliance tariff in time for a successor Solar Choice Metering Tariff to go into effect by June 1, 2021. For the solar industry, it is important for solar companies to fully understand the parameters of the new Solar Choice Tariff before engaging in marketing to customers that will enroll under the new policy. For that reason, we have reached out to counsel for DESC to better understand what the compliance filing will include beyond the elements outlined in the Directive Order. For example, it is critically important for the industry to understand what rights the customer-generator under the new Solar Choice Tariffs will have going forward.

Section 58-40-20(H) requires the Commission to consider a minimum period of years that the netting interval and basic terms of the Solar Choice Tariff will be available. We encourage the Commission to provide the Company and the industry guidance at the May 19, 2021 Business Meeting as to the length of time it intends to adopt as a minimum guarantee of the

availability of the terms of the Solar Choice Metering Tariff in its final written order in this matter. Only the Joint Parties put forward a request for a minimum period of time guarantee access to the new policy: the lifetime of the solar PV facility (i.e., 20-years per the Commission's finding in Docket No. 2019-182-E).

We appreciate the Commission and Staff's diligent work throughout this proceeding and respectfully request this additional guidance to ensure that consumers are able to make informed decisions about whether to invest in onsite solar under the Commission's newly established Solar Choice Metering policy.

Respectfully submitted,

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